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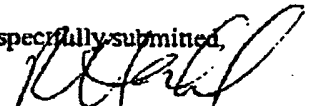
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Dear Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response for 3 months from September 26, 2004 to November 26, 2004. The small entity fee of \$490.00 should be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1710. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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